

Elon Musk Is Insane And Destroying America

Elon Musk Demands Firing of ‘Disgusting and Cruel’ WSJ Reporter Who Uncovered DOGE Employee’s Racist Tweets

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Elon Musk, the richest man in the world and head of the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), suggested that *The Wall Street Journal* reporter responsible for uncovering a DOGE employee’s racist tweets should be fired on Friday.

In a story published on Thursday, the *Journal*’s **Katherine Long** revealed that a “key DOGE staff member who gained access to the Treasury Department’s central-payments system resigned Thursday after he was linked to a deleted social-media account that advocated racism and eugenics.”

From Long's report:

Marko Elez, a 25-year-old who is part of a cadre of Elon Musk lieutenants deployed by the Department of Government Efficiency to scrutinize federal spending, resigned after *The Wall Street Journal* asked the White House about his connection to the account.

“Just for the record, I was racist before it was cool,” the account posted in July, according to the *Journal's* review of archived posts.

“You could not pay me to marry outside of my ethnicity,” the account wrote on X in September. “Normalize Indian hate,” the account wrote the same month, in reference to a post noting the prevalence of people from India in Silicon Valley.

After the *Journal* inquired about the account, White House spokesperson **Karoline Leavitt** said that Elez had resigned from his role.

Now that Elez has been removed from his post at DOGE, Musk appears to be on a mission to punish Long for discovering his foul views.

Replying to a tweet pointing out that Long had once been the author of a piece headlined “The Videogame Industry Still Needs to Reckon with Its Lack of Diversity,” the billionaire asserted that “She’s a disgusting and cruel person.”

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— Elon Musk (@elonmusk) February 7, 2025

Then, after right-wing influencer **Mario Nawfal** asserted that “WOKE JOURNALIST KATHERINE LONG WHO DOXXED DOGE STAFFER HAS TIES TO USAID,” Musk declared that “She should be fired immediately.”

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The irony of Musk — a self-proclaimed “free speech absolutist” — calling for the head of a journalist who accurately reported on a public official’s actions, was not lost on all.

“I’m a free speech absolutist who thinks reporters should be fired for discovering unflattering information about public officials,” joked **Andrew Fleischman** on X.



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Worried about Elon Musk and 'DOGE' getting your Social Security number? Here's how to protect yourself.

If the wrong person gained access to personal financial information held by the U.S. Treasury, it would constitute the biggest data breach in history

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Labor unions and civil-liberties groups are stepping up their legal campaign to block Elon Musk and his so-called Department of Government Efficiency from getting their hands on U.S. citizens' bank-account details, Social Security numbers, Medicare details and other sensitive personal information.

Unions and the Economic Policy Institute filed suit in federal district court in Washington, D.C., to keep Musk and DOGE out of U.S. Labor Department files, following a suit by the Alliance for Retired Americans and others to keep them out of the personal files held by the U.S. Treasury.

U.S. Department of Justice attorney Bradley Humphreys, representing the Trump administration, insisted that DOGE had not had access to any personal financial details, though he added that direct access had been given to Marko Elez — a former engineer with Musk's SpaceX company now working at the U.S. Treasury as a "special" temporary employee. *(Update: Elez resigned Thursday after he was linked to racist social-media posts.)*

U.S. District Court Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly has issued a temporary injunction blocking DOGE from any access to sensitive data pending a full hearing on the issue.

Humphreys's claims follow days of confusion and rumor on the subject, following the news that Musk and DOGE were looking at U.S. Treasury data in their campaign against U.S. government spending.

Neither the U.S. Treasury nor Elon Musk had responded to earlier requests for clarification from MarketWatch.

But given the febrile political atmosphere in the country, the chaotic developments in Washington and a systemic breakdown in trust, many will remain concerned about who has access to their data and what they can see.

If the wrong person got access to personal financial information held by the U.S. Treasury, it would constitute the biggest data breach in history. Anyone who had all this could make a

fortune selling it to criminals on the dark web. It would only take one person to copy files to a thumb drive or the cloud – identity theft galore.

If you're worried about that data ending up in the wrong hands – from the turmoil in Washington, or anywhere else – there is a surprisingly simple thing you can do to protect yourself: a credit freeze. I wrote about it here not long ago.

As the U.S. government explains, a credit freeze stops banks and credit-card companies from getting access to your credit reports. As most of them won't lend without seeing the reports, it effectively prevents anyone from opening an unauthorized account using your information.

A credit freeze is generally seen as the most effective way of protecting yourself.

It is remarkably easy to do. You just contact the three credit bureaus –Experian, Equifax and TransUnion – and follow the steps on their website. It took me just 10 minutes and a phone call.

In the case of two agencies, TransUnion

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, I was able to do it online via their websites. (In both cases I had to watch out that they didn't sign me up for marketing emails.)

With the third, Experian

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, doing it over the phone (1-888-397-3742) was actually much quicker than the elaborate steps needed to do it online.

Freezing your credit is not a perfect answer. As the Public Interest Research Group says, someone who has your details can commit all sorts of other identity theft – and in many cases

you can do nothing to prevent it, and you will only know about it after the fact. (Check out this recent case, where someone stole another person's identity and lived under it for 30 years.)

But it is the best option available. And in this era of data breaches, governmental turmoil and confusion, it offers some security and peace of mind.



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